

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 117081 TOSEC 040397
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY S/S:PTARNOFF:GJK

APPROVED BY S/S:TARNOFF

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

S,D,P,AF,S/S ONLY

-----202336Z 114138 /75-61

Z 202321Z MAY 77 ZFF6

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO FLASH

USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 117081 TOSEC 040397

EXDIS;MAPUTO/MAYNES;SECRETARY FOR SPIEGEL; BELGRADE/VP-LAKE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S RESPONSE TO DR. DAVID OWEN

REF: LONDON 8438

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO
DR. OWEN'S MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL. PLEASE DELIVER
IT IMMEDIATELY TO DR. OWEN AS SOON AS HE IS AVAILABLE.

QUOTE: DEAR DAVID:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE ON DEVELOPMENTS AT THE
MAPUTO CONFERENCE. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THAT CONFERENCE
AND HAVE NOTED THE FACT THAT IT IS TURNING OUT TO BE A
MUCH MORE MODERATE AFFAIR THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED WHEN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 117081 TOSEC 040397

WE DISCUSSED THE MATTER EARLIER THIS MONTH AND AGREED TO
TAKE A COMMON POSITION AMONG THE FIVE. WHILE A FINAL
DRAFT CONFERENCE DOCUMENT IS, I UNDERSTAND, NOT YET
AVAILABLE, CHANGES THAT ARE BEING RENDERED, AT THE
INSISTENCE OF MODERATE AFRICANS, SEEM TO BE DESIGNED TO
ACCOMMODATE WESTERN INTERESTS.

GIVEN THAT DEVELOPMENT, I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT
WE NOT ABANDON WHATEVER POLITICAL ADVANTAGE WE HAVE
GAINED WITH THE AFRICANS IN AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN

THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE BY DISASSOCIATING OURSELVES TOTALLY
FROM ITS FINAL DOCUMENTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT CANADA,
FRANCE AND THE FRG FAVOR AGREEMENT ON A PARTIAL
DISASSOCIATION FROM THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS. IN FACT,
THERE IS MUCH IN THOSE FINAL DOCUMENTS WHICH REFLECT
WESTERN VIEWS AND WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS OF
RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE IF OUR
STATEMENTS ON THOSE DOCUMENTS SIMPLY REFLECT THAT
SITUATION. I UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS BUT
BELIEVE THAT THE VIEWS OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
GROUND SHOULD BE GIVEN WEIGHT IN ARRIVING AT A DECISION
IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. I HAVE ASKED OUR
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE DELEGATIONS
OF THE FIVE TO MAINTAIN A COMMON POSITION AND IN THAT
SPIRIT TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE. I URGE THAT YOU
GIVE THIS FURTHER CONSIDERATION.
CYRUS VANCE UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENT DRAFT, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 20-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE117081
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PTARNOFF:GJK
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770180-1072
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770533/aaaabchy.tel
Line Count: 83
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0efac58c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: 77 LONDON 8438
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2426790
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SECRETARY VANCE'S RESPONSE TO DR. DAVID OWEN
TAGS: PFOR, PSDC, RH, UK, US
To: LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0efac58c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009